

Torrance, California
August 12, 1941

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a Regular Meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday, August 12, 1941 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor McGuire called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a Regular Meeting held July 22, 1941, an Adjourned Regular Meeting held July 24, 1941, a Special Meeting held July 31, 1941 and a Mandatory Meeting held August 4, 1941 be approved as written. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from Milky Williams Lodge, Local No. 1414, commending the Council for action taken at a Regular Meeting held July 22, 1941 in withdrawing all funds from the Chamber of Commerce and urging that the Council maintain this policy in the future. Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be filed for future reference. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Donald Findley, Counselor-At-Law, assuring the City of Torrance that the citizens of North Torrance are sincere in their intention to enter into a contract with the City of Torrance to purchase the present North Torrance water system from the City as soon as the new well and tank have been installed. It was advised that a mutual water company has been organized by the residents of the district and that officers of the company have been authorized to enter into contract with the City of Torrance for the purchase of water system from the City at a cost of not to exceed \$2,000.00, with monthly payments of \$20.00 each.

A communication was read from the drivers of the Municipal Bus Lines of the City of Torrance, requesting that the following adjustments be made:

- (1) That the bus drivers be placed on a salary basis of \$170.00 per month with two weeks vacation with pay.
- (2) That a maximum forty (40) hour working week be maintained, over-time to be paid as such.
- (3) That seniority rights be recognized and adhered to.

Councilman Babcock moved that the matter be referred to the City Council as a whole for consideration, a meeting to be held with the bus drivers in attendance; the bus drivers to be notified of the time of the meeting. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from John H. Stroh, Chief of Police, recommending placing of boulevard stop signs on Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue. Chief Stroh mentioned that he had submitted this request in January, and that the Southern California Automobile Club and the State Highway Commission are also of the opinion that the stop signs are necessary.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of Chief of Police Stroh for placing of boulevard stop signs on Torrance Boulevard and Hawthorne Avenue be granted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

A communication was read from Joseph P. Landerville, 930-B Arlington Avenue, requesting removal of a tree on property located on Lot 7, Block 40, Torrance Tract.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Street Department for action. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, Department of Health, advising that Dr. Wilton L. Halverson has been appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as Los Angeles County Health Officer, effective as of July 22, 1941. Matter of record.

A communication was read from the Federal Works Agency, Public Works Administration, Washington, D. C., acknowledging receipt of a copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Torrance urging favorable action in the interest of national defense of Laguna Dominguez Flood Control problem and advising that if and when application is submitted for the project, it will receive every consideration that circumstances permit. The communication was signed by M. E. Gilmore, Commissioner of Public Works.

A communication was read from the War Department, Office of the Chief of Engineers, Washington, D. C., signed by Miles Reber, Major, Corps of Engineers, acknowledging receipt of a copy of Resolution No.

1482 adopted by the City Council July 15, 1941 urging that the engineers of the War Department be authorized to make further study of the Laguna Dominguez area from the standpoint of its importance in the interest of national defense. It was advised that the Flood Control Committee of the House of Representatives adopted a resolution July 23, 1941 requesting the War Department to review its report of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers and their tributaries and Ballona Creek, California, with a view to determining whether flood control work on Laguna Dominguez is advisable in the interest of national defense. It was advised further that the War Department will undertake the investigation promptly and will complete the report thereon at the earliest practicable date.

A communication was read from the County of Los Angeles, office of H. L. Byram, Tax Collector, demanding that funds be provided for payment of all delinquent assessments for all projects in the City of Torrance under Improvement Bond Act of 1915, for which current assessments have terminated but which have delinquent assessments for prior years still outstanding. Matter of record.

A communication was read from Clarence A. Pinkham, 1007 Portola Avenue, requesting license to operate a pool hall at 1650 Cabrillo Avenue.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be referred to the Police Department for recommendation. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

At 8:00 P.M., Mayor McGuire announced that the time had arrived to receive bids for (1) Drilling and developing one plain water well and (2) Construction and erection of one elevated water tank on City property deeded by the Crown Water Company.

Clerk Bartlett opened and read bids as follows:

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Bid</u>
Nelson Brothers 328 East Firestone Boulevard Downey, California	230' plain 10" water well drilled, cased, perforated, sandpumped, developed and tested, complete ready for permanent pump, as per specifications. \$3.37 per lineal foot.	\$775.10
	Price added or deducted per lineal foot for greater or less depth than 230 ft. \$3.17 per lineal foot.	

A check in the amount of \$100.00 accompanied the bid.

Santa Fe Tank & Tower Corp. 4820 Santa Fe Avenue Los Angeles, California	Construct and erect 1 - 10,000 gallon 2" Redwood Water Tank with cone cover complete with ladders, foundations, water level gauge, etc. as per typical plan and specifications	
	(1) 20 ft. tower	\$1281.00
	(2) With 25 ft. tower	1326.00

Alternate

Construct and erect 1 - 12,000 gallon Redwood Water Tank with cone cover complete with ladders, foundations, water level gauge, etc., as per typical plan and specifications	
(1) With 20 ft. tower	\$1360.00
(2) With 25 ft. tower	1412.00

Sales Tax to be added to the above quotations.
A check in the amount of \$142.00 accompanied the bid.

M. R. Peck
16800 South Main Street
P.O. Box 123
Gardena, California

230 ft. Plain 10" water well drilled,
cased, perforated, sandpumped, developed
and tested, complete ready for permanent
pump, as per specifications \$3.37 per
lineal foot. \$773.75

Price added or deducted per lineal
foot for greater or less depth than
230 ft. \$3.18 per lineal foot.

Price per hour for operation of develop-
ment and test pump for longer period
than 48 hours \$2.50 per hr.

Price per hour for operation of equipment
for purposes not contemplated in specifi-
cations \$5.00 per hours.

For testing and developing with pump as
per specifications, \$248.00.

A certified check in the amount of \$105.00 accompanied the bid.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the bids be referred to the City Engineer, City Attorney, Water Company Manager and City Council as a whole for further study and report at a meeting to be held August 13, 1941 at 4:45 P.M. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Lodge No. 236 of the Spanish- American Alliance, requesting use of the Civic Auditorium for the purpose of holding benefit dances and bazaars.

Representatives of the Lodge who were present in the assemblage were advised that the matter will be discussed with them after the meeting August 13, 1941 at 4:45 P.M.

A communication signed by Samuel J. Katz and J. H. Pine was read, requesting the City of Torrance to complete the improvements on Border Avenue, Cabrillo Avenue and Andreo Avenue from Plaza Del Amo to Lincoln Avenue by servicing with a two inch rock and oil pavement on said streets and to include Lincoln Avenue from Border Avenue to the railroad tracks, Plaza Del Amo from Arlington to Border Avenue and that portion of Gramercy Avenue within Tract No. 12881.

Engineer Jain advised that the area mentioned is in and/or near the new subdivision; that the owners have completed their share of the improvements in the amount of approximately \$9,000.00, and must have some assurance that the City will complete its portion of the improvements before F.H.A. loans can be obtained. It was decided to discuss this matter further at the next meeting.

Mayor McGuire announced at 8:10 P.M. that bidding would begin on sale of tax deeded land as set forth in the Notice of Intention to Sell published in the Torrance Herald July 3, 10 and 17, 1941.

Clerk Bartlett reported he had received no sealed bids.

Mr. Basil R. Greig of the Associated Assessment Engineers gave a brief outline of the procedure to be followed, advising that the City of Torrance agrees to pay all escrow charges and title costs; that the successful bidder must pay a 10% deposit of his total bid, balance to be paid within seven (7) days; that the City of Torrance will deliver merchantable title to said property and if for any reason whatsoever the City of Torrance shall be unable to deliver merchantable title to said property within thirty days after acceptance of said bid, any moneys deposited or paid on said property shall be returned to the successful bidder by the City; if the successful bidder does not complete the transaction after making the 10% deposit, the deposit is declared forfeited.

Mr. Greig then proceeded to post the minimum sale price of each lot offered for sale on the blackboard, the lots having been listed on the board prior to the meeting by Lot, Block and Tract.

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>
15	88	Torrance	\$385.00
16	88	Torrance	385.00

No bids were received on the abovementioned lots at this time.

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>
16	89	Torrance	\$360.00
17	89	Torrance	360.00

No bids were received on the abovementioned lots at this time.

Mr. Klusman made inquiry regarding the kind of deed offered with the property, Mr. Greig advising that a title policy, not a tax deed, is offered, the same kind of deed, he said, as obtained when purchases are made from individuals.

Mr. Greig continued listing minimum sale prices as follows:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>
18	89	Torrance	\$360.00
19	89	Torrance	360.00
6	90	Torrance	560.00
5	90	Torrance	410.00
7	35	Torrance	335.00
10	67	Torrance	385.00
1	88	Torrance	460.00

No bids were received on the abovementioned lots at this time.

Mr. Krekow asked whether or not sealed bids could be submitted between auctions, being advised that this could be done and that the bid would be opened at the next meeting and read, anyone else desiring to bid on the same lot being required to raise the bid by five per cent (5%).

Mr. C. P. Alverson, 1675 Gramercy Avenue, Torrance, California, bid as follows:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>	<u>Amount Bid</u>
5	90	Torrance	\$560.00) \$975.00
6	90	Torrance	410.00	

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the sale of Lots 5 and 6, Block 90, Torrance Tract, be authorized and that the bid of Mr. C. P. Alverson, 1675 Gramercy Avenue, Torrance, California, in the amount of \$975.00 for the two lots be accepted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Frank H. Egerer, 807 Beech Avenue, Torrance, California, bid as follows:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>	<u>Amount Bid</u>
1	88	Torrance	\$460.00	\$460.00

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the sale of Lot 1, Block 88, Torrance Tract, be authorized and that the bid of Mr. Frank H. Egerer, 807 Beech Avenue, Torrance, California, in the amount of \$460.00 be accepted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Matilda Winters, Erwin Hotel, Torrance, California, bid as follows:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>	<u>Amount Bid</u>
10	67	Torrance	\$385.00	\$385.00

Councilman Babcock moved that the sale of Lot 10, Block 67, Torrance Tract be authorized and that the bid of Mrs. Matilda Winters, Erwin Hotel, Torrance, California, in the amount of \$385.00 be accepted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Greig listed minimum sale prices on the following lots:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Block</u>	<u>Tract</u>	<u>Minimum Sale Price</u>
2	71	Torrance	\$175.00
3	71	Torrance	175.00
4	71	Torrance	175.00
5	71	Torrance	175.00

It appearing that no one else desired to bid on the remaining lots, bidding closed at 8:38 P.M.

A communication was read from Logan R. Cotton, City Auditor, in answer to statements made by Mr. C. J. Rambo at the Regular Meeting of the City Council held July 22, 1941. Regarding Mr. Rambo's statements that certain records of the City Court had been altered, Mr. Cotton denied that alterations had been made in the specific cases mentioned by Mr. Rambo, maintaining that the changed entries represent corrections and not alterations. He claimed absolute correctness for his audit report as rendered and read at the Council Meeting held May 13, 1941. Mr. Cotton stated that it has always been his policy not to participate in political controversies in the various cities he conducts audits for, and maintained that Mr. Rambo had been unfair in appearing before the City Council and delivering a political speech during the time of a political campaign and at a time when he (Mr. Cotton) had no opportunity to reply.

Councilman Babcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1488

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING FINAL MAP OF TRACT NO. 12881 AND ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ALL THE AVENUES, ALLEYS, WALKS AND EASEMENTS SHOWN ON SAID FINAL MAP AND OFFERED FOR DEDICATION.

Councilman Babcock moved that Resolution No. 1488 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Babcock, Hitchcock, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 1489

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE APPROVING MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR ACCUMULATION OF $\frac{1}{4}$ CENT GAS TAX ALLOCATED FOR STREETS OF MAJOR IMPORTANCE.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1489 be adopted. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mr. Jain reported that he had received an answer from R. D. Perry, Project Manager, United States Department of Agriculture, Soil Conservation Service, to his communication requesting assistance in erosion control in the Walteria district. He said the Area Conservationist is interested in the problem and looked over the area Saturday, July 19, 1941. Mr. Perry advised Mr. Jain that he hopes to go into the matter thoroughly in the near future, assuring Mr. Jain that the Department is vitally interested in the problem and will do everything possible to help develop suitable controls.

Mr. Jain advised that the City of Torrance has been requested to submit maps showing precisely what the difficulty is.

Engineer Jain read a communication from the Planning Commission, advising that at the Planning Commission meeting held July 7, 1941, the request of L. J. Gilmeister, Manager of the City Bus Lines, to establish a shelter and bench in the small park opposite the Torrance Theatre, had been denied on the grounds that the park was dedicated to the American Legion and that the proposed structures would be unsightly and would attract loafers.

Engineer Jain read a communication from the Board of Education, advising that no funds will be available in the 1941-42 Board of Education budget for construction of sidewalks on the westerly side of Elm Avenue and the southerly side of Torrance Boulevard adjacent to the Fern Avenue School site, and suggesting that the matter be again called to the attention of the Board of Education in February or March of 1942.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$125.00 be made for installation of a new cylinder block assembly in Bus No. 102. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Babcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$140.40 be made (Plus tax) for retread of bus tires. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$495.00 be made for purchase of rock and oil for Andreo Avenue from Plaza Del Amo to Lincoln Street. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$200.00 be made for purchase of road oil for use on Torrance Boulevard. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$100.00 be made for rental of clamshell for loading sump material in the Vista Highland Park Tract. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock asked Engineer Jain if report had been received on the letter sent to the Highway Department regarding an automatic traffic signal system at Highway 101 and Hawthorne Boulevard, Mr. Jain replying that no answer had been received as yet to his communication of approximately three weeks ago. Mr. Jain was instructed to follow his communication with another similar one in an effort to get action.

Councilman Hitchcock asked about the brick yard in North Torrance, advising that complaints had been received to the effect that the owner of the brick yard has purchased property since the zoning ordinance went into effect and is extending his excavation pits. Mr. Jain advised that he had contacted the owner regarding this matter, and that the owner had challenged the City to prove this point as to the purchase. He said he had not had an opportunity as yet to check with the County Recorder's office to ascertain exactly when the purchase was made. He said the owner had told him (Mr. Jain) that he had enough property to continue his brick yard business in operation for twenty-five or thirty years. Mr. Jain pointed out that the brick yard owner owns property adjacent to Prairie Avenue and has been excavating on the property away from the highway, but that, if the City objects, he can possibly start excavating near the highway. He said the only recourse is to compromise with him and keep him excavating in one direction -- away from the highway.

Mr. Gonner objected strenuously to the brick yard business in North Torrance, advising that he had been a resident of the district for many years. He said someone had given the owner of the brick yard building permits to enlarge his buildings. Mr. Jain advised that a permit had been granted him to build shelters over his equipment.

Mr. Jain was instructed to ascertain which property belongs to the brick yard owner and where he is digging at the present time.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$55.00 be made for 2½ turn valves with 2½" Fire Department National standard thread for the Fire Department. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock, and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$208.26 be made for 4-6" bell x 10" spigot long sweep ells, 3-8" bell x 10" spigot long sweep ells, and 2-10" bell 10" spigot long sweep ells for the Water Department. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett announced he had received a request from the Torrance Municipal Band that some action be taken regarding appearance of the Band during the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona during the early part of September, 1941.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the Torrance Municipal Band be authorized to participate in the Los Angeles County Fair at Pomona, expenses paid. Councilman Babcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Jain brought up the matter of a two-way radio for the Police Department and asked whether or not he and Chief Stroh should proceed with preparation of specifications calling for bids. Attorney McCall advised that it is not necessary to call for bids for a two-way radio for the Police Department.

Engineer Jain was instructed to assemble all the data he has gathered regarding the matter and present same at the next Regular Meeting.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Tom Babbitt addressed the City Council and the assemblage at this time, after stating that he was directing his remarks at Clerk Bartlett. He said he was not speaking on behalf of the Los Angeles Board of Education, although he is a teacher, he said, now teaching in Dominguez. He spoke in defense of John V. Murray and George V. Powell, Recalled Councilmen, stating that Clerk Bartlett had denied them their American rights when he refused to file their nomination papers to place them on the ballot for the September 10, 1941 Election, said election being held for the purpose of filling the vacancies created by the recall of Mr. Murray and Mr. Powell.

Mr. King, 1961 Plaza del Amo, stated that the Council Chamber was not established for electioneers to air their political views.

Mayor McGuire agreed that the Council Chamber is not open for political discussions.

Mr. Klusman remarked that it is within the jurisdiction of the Mayor to curb political discussions.

Mr. Klusman voiced his objection to what he termed discrimination in enforcing the zoning ordinance, mentioning particularly the frame building used by the Van De Kamp Bakeries, which building was moved onto a lot across the street from the City Hall and adjacent to the Water Department building, after adoption of the zoning ordinance, this building, he said, not complying with the restrictions as set out in the zoning ordinance with regard to the fire zones.

Mr. Klusman asked why the reporter of the Torrance Herald is allowed into the inner offices and given information for publication other than information revealed during open meetings.

Mayor McGuire informed that such is not the case, and that the City Hall is open at all times for anyone who desires information regarding the functions of the City of Torrance.

Mr. Klusman stated that, according to the Civil Service Ordinance (No. 326), professional employees should have certain qualifications, with particular emphasis on education and experience, which he referred to as "background". He asserted that Mr. W. H. Stanger, Manager of the Torrance Municipal Water District No. 1, is not qualified to act in said capacity. He criticized the water severely.

Mrs. Matilda Winters disagreed with him in his criticism of the water, advising that guests at her hotel, the Erwin Hotel, had commented repeatedly on the fine drinking water.

Mr. King expressed appreciation for the removal of the eucalyptus trees from Plaza del Amo, directing his statements to Councilman Hitchcock and Street Superintendent Gascoigne.

Mr. Joseph Madore joined with Mr. Klusman in criticizing the water in the City of Torrance.

Mr. Krekow, 2203 Carson Street, made a plea for unity and harmony in working out the problems of the City of Torrance, instead of the constant bickering and prejudices which have been predominant in the Council Meetings in the past few months.

At this time, Mr. Tom Babbitt made a public apology to Mr. Bartlett for the speech made by him early in the Oral Communications, advising that he had not desired to make a political speech, and advising that he wished Mayor McGuire had stopped him.

Mayor McGuire assured Mr. Babbitt that his counsel against political speeches in the Council Chamber had been directed at no one in particular.

Mr. Gonnor of North Torrance declared opposition to restricting political speakers from expressing views in the Council Chamber, contending that freedom of speech had prevailed before the Recall Election.

Mr. Joseph M. Wright, 1024 Arlington Avenue, defended Clerk Bartlett, declaring the attack on Clerk Bartlett by Mr. Babbitt to be highly unjust. He advised that it was his understanding that Clerk Bartlett acted on the advice of the City Attorney in his refusal to place the names of Mr. Murray and Mr. Powell on the ballot for the September 10, 1941 election. He pointed out that Clerk Bartlett could not of his own accord place the names on the ballot after the Attorney had ruled to the contrary.


Clerk Bartlett acknowledged Mr. Babbitt's apology, advising that he had no personal feeling whatsoever in the Recall Election and that the entire proceedings had been regarded by him as a grievous occurrence. He advised that he had not personally tried to keep the names off the ballot, but had been guided by the best legal advice in the State of California.

Mr. Powell criticized Mayor McGuire for allowing, he said, outsiders to "harangue" in the Council Chamber.


Mayor McGuire pointed out that it is the practice to allow anyone to speak, as long as the speech is regarding the business of the City, or consists of suggestions for civic betterment.

Councilman Babcock moved all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Babcock, Hitchcock and McGuire. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:44 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Babcock, seconded by Councilman Hitchcock, the meeting adjourned to August 13, 1941 at 4:45 P.M.


City Clerk of the City of Torrance

APPROVED:


Mayor of the City of Torrance